

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Stephen Houglan, Dr. William T. Murphy and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Councilor Houglan offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

Mr. Marty Williams, President of Discover Downtown Franklin thanked the city and the citizens of Franklin for their support of the recent downtown event “Smoke on the Square”.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the June 15, 2015 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Murphy. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-11 An Additional Appropriation – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud, and opened the floor for public comment. No one asked to speak. The Mayor stated that this appropriation is to cover the 2015 Paving Program. We will be appropriating \$400,000.00 from the Riverboat Fund, and \$1,000,000.00 from Disaster Relief Fund. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 15-05 An Ordinance Approving a Resolution of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, And Annexing Certain Property Contiguous to the Franklin Corporate Limits (to be known as Meijer Annexation) – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated that a public hearing was held at the last meeting and is presented this evening for adoption. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 15-06 An Ordinance Approving Resolution Number 2015-12 of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property to MXR (Mixed Use: Regional Center) (To be known as Meijer Rezoning) – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated this item was introduced at the last meeting and is presented for approval. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Murphy. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-12 An Additional Appropriation - Donation-Police in the amount of \$500.00 – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Police Chief Tim O'Sullivan explained that \$500.00 was a donation from Radwell International, Inc. Chief O'Sullivan requested that the funds be appropriated into the Police Department Donation Fund 217 002 200 and to be permitted to use the money for an awards ceremony to be held later in the year. This is presented for introduction and will be set for public hearing during the July 20th meeting.

Presentation of Interstate 65 Interchange Economic Development Plan – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Community Development Director Krista Linke came forward and introduced Mr. Chris Hamm of HWC who walked the Council and those present through his plan. The RDC saw the plan at their meeting last month. A discussion was held.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor Ault asked when the final pavement surface would be put on Main Street. Mayor McGuinness stated that they are waiting on INDOT and E&B Paving to finish Phase II. City Engineer Underhill stated that contractors had begun working on railroad crossings throughout the City today, which will result in temporary road closings.

Clerk-Treasurer Alexander informed the Council that she had given them a memo outlining the adoption calendar for the 2016 budget, and stated that the Mayor will begin meeting with department heads soon. Ms. Alexander stated that she will need to submit the proposed maximum budget to the county by September 2nd. She also stated the Board of Works and Public Safety had approved a contract for the Clerk Treasurer's Office with MP Digital in the amount of \$31,000.00 for Laserfiche. She explained that Laserfiche will allow the Clerk's office to scan and save records that will be accessible online to the public. It will also improve employee access to City records. This contract can be funded out of appropriated Rainy Day funds if allowed by the Council. Ms. Alexander stated that she currently stores City records in several rooms at the Street Department. Councilor Ault made a motion to approve and authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to sign the contract. This was seconded by Councilor Murphy. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Mayor McGuinness stated that he is beginning to work on 2016 budget, and would like input from the Council members.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 07/15/2015

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer